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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

GUADALUPE RUBIO CORONEL, aka
Lupe,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 06-50076

D.C. No. CR-04-00262-NM-10

MEMORANDUM^{*}

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Central District of California
Nora M. Manella, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted September 11, 2006^{**}

Before: PREGERSON, T.G. NELSON and GRABER, Circuit Judges.

Guadalupe Rubio Coronel appeals from the district court's judgment and 120-month sentence imposed following his guilty-plea conviction for conspiracy,

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^{**} This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846, and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1).

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), counsel for Coronel has filed a brief stating that there are no grounds for relief, and a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Coronel has not filed a pro se supplemental brief, and the government has not filed an answering brief.

We have conducted an independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 83 (1988), and we dismiss in light of the valid appeal waiver. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000) (stating that an appeal waiver is valid when it is entered into knowingly and voluntarily).

Counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**, and this appeal is **DISMISSED**.